

a disorder. A husky dame wedged herself into the front row and gave the elbow to a woman that had made a break for the chair. Her battle cry was: "Pardon me, ma'am—but I'll have me rights. I'm next." It was ma! Never had I thought ma would want to be frescoed, much less scrap for the chance. There she sat in my chair.

"Doll me up!" she said. "Give me everything on the menoo."

I'm a dutiful daughter. Besides to have told her to chase home would have brought on a real riot. "Ma, what the devil's got into you?" I hissed into her ear while I worked, all the while smirking placid at the crowd. Have to be some actress in this game.

"Listen to me," she answers "Ma Dillpickles has found herself! All my life I've worked hard and been a plain woman. "Now I want one splurge before I die. And don't be stingy with vermilion!"

Poor ma! When I finished her she looked like a circus lady in the parade.

Another Chapter Tomorrow.

Tomato Bisque. — Stir one quart of tomatos with a half teaspoonful of soda for a half hour. Boil two quarts of fresh milk, add to it a quarter of a pound of butter salt and pepper. Mash potatoes through a colander and stir them into the boiling milk; add a tea-cupful of rolled crackers; serve immediately. If milk is put into the tomatos, it will curdle.

THREE WAYS TO COOK COOKIES

Almond Cookies. — One-half pound butter, one-half pound sugar, three yolks of eggs, one-half cupful milk, three cupfuls flour, rind one lemon (grated), four teaspoonfuls baking powder. Mix, roll out thin, and cut into small cookies with following on top each: Three whites eggs beaten, three-fourths pound pulverized sugar, one-half pound chopped almonds, mix well together. Make this one hour before mixing cookie dough.

Nut Cookies. — One and one-half cups brown sugar, one cup butter, three eggs beaten separately, one teaspoon soda dissolved in little boiling water, two and three-quarter cups flour, one pinch salt, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon cloves, one pound raisins, dropped with teaspoon in buttered tins.

Oatmeal Cookies. — Cream one cupful butter, one and one-half cupfuls sugar, till light. Add three eggs beaten light, one-half teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one cupful chopped nuts, one-half cupful raisins blended with flour, two cupfuls oatmeal. Put nuts, oatmeal and raisins through meat grinder. After thoroughly mixed add two cupfuls flour sifted twice, and one teaspoonful soda dissolved in one tablespoonful and a half boiling hot water. Drop on cookie pans by teaspoonful and bake.